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Gunman kills five in attack on Maryland newspaper

BY BRIAN WITTE
Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

A man armed with smoke grenades and a shotgun attacked journalists at a newspaper in Maryland's capital Thursday, killing five people before police quickly stormed the building and arrested him, police and witnesses said.

Police said the suspect was a white man in his late 30s whose shotgun rampage at The Capital Gazette followed social media threats directed at the newspaper. A law enforcement official said the suspect has been identified as Jarrod W. Ramos. The official was not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Authorities said the gunman entered the building in a targeted attack and "looked for his victims." He had smoke grenades and fired a shotgun at his victims, according to Anne Arundel County Acting Police Chief William Krampf.

"This person was prepared today to come in, this person was prepared to shoot people. His intent was to cause harm," Krampf said.

Among the victims was veteran journalist and columnist Rob Hiaasen, 59, brother of novelist Carl Hiaasen. Carl Hiaasen said he was "devastated and heartsick" at the loss of a brother he called "one of the most gentle and funny people I've ever

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Authorities block off the building entrance after Thursday's shooting at The Capital Gazette newspaper in Annapolis, Md.

Fort Worth group goes to border to protest for families

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RICHARDSON

The grassroots coalition United Fort Worth departed early Thursday to join the American Civil Liberties Union's Families Belong Together rally at the border.

Along with about 100 local residents from the Metroplex, United Fort Worth members left from St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Richardson at 2:30 a.m. to be able to reach the rally in Brownsville by its start at 11 a.m. Thursday.

There, protesters from Laredo, Austin, Houston, San Antonio and other cities were to gather at Linear Park across the street from Brownsville Federal Court, where adult immigrants face mass prosecution for crossing the border. Meanwhile, children have been separated from their parents and often sent to shelters across the country.

"My mom and dad brought me to the United States to give me a better life, so those kids are a daily reminder of me," said United Fort Worth and trip organizer Norma Garcia Lopez, 38. "Every day I see those kids in the news or hear about it, it's personal because I was one of those kids."

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced in April the Trump administration's "zero tolerance policy," a directive to

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About 100 people from around the Metroplex prepare to depart from Richardson on one of two buses chartered by the ACLU.

HIGH-TECH GREENHOUSE

Cleburne facility is aiming for a vertical revolution in farming

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Leafy green vegetables grow in the Cleburne greenhouse of Eden Green Technology in a proprietary system the controls the water, nutrients and microclimate of each of the plants

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CLEBURNE

Not far from the southern end of Chisholm Trail Parkway is a side road with the kind of warehouse-style buildings you might drive by without even thinking about them, although it's pretty hard not to notice the Walmart distribution center.

Across from the center is a fairly anonymous-looking structure, with a large greenhouse near the road. Inside the greenhouse are rows and rows of produce — romaine, kale, bok choy, mustard greens — stretching from front to back and, more unusually, from the floor to nearly the ceiling.

Each plant has its own perch and sits vinelike on 18-foot-tall pipes. On each perch, a small stream of water reaches each plant — and each plant has its own microclimate. And that is one of the unique things about Eden Green Technology, the Dallas-based "vertical farming" company behind the Cleburne facility.

"We control the microclimate of [each] plant," says Gentry Beach, co-chairman of Eden Green. "It's almost like, think if you had air-conditioning in your house, but it was only one foot around you. You wouldn't need to air-condition your whole house — just right around you."

It can be a little hard to wrap your head around, even after company executives conducted a tour showing how the system works: The technology uses nutrient-filled water, which

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Man drowns trying to rescue calf that fell into stock tank in Cleburne

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CLEBURNE

A man who was trying to rescue a calf that had fallen into a pond Wednesday in Cleburne drowned, police said.

The drowning happened shortly before 3 p.m. in the 500 block of Edgewood Lane, according to the Tarrant County medical examiner.

Coyote Rooster Renner, 29, was working ranchland at the site when he saw a calf go into a stock tank, which is a small pond used for watering livestock, said Cleburne Fire Chief Keith Scarbrough.

"A stock tank tends to be muddier than a typical lake," Scarbrough said. That could have been a factor in Renner's drowning, he said.

Also, "he was still wearing jeans and cowboy boots" when his body was removed from an area of the pond that was 6 to 7 feet deep, Scarbrough said. That could have contributed to fatigue, he said.

The calf survived, Scarbrough said.

Public records show Renner had been living in the Cleburne area since 2013. He lived in Waco before that.

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